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- On 1 October 1950 the Chinese Communist East China Bureau, through CH'EN Chin-hsin (陳僅新) of the Nan Hsin Company,¹ Hong Kong, bought 400 tons of steel plates at Hong Kong (HK) \$25 per picul² from Lam Woo Company,³ Hong Kong. These steel plates are scrap metal from Japanese ships sunk during the war which were purchased by Lam Woo from the Hong Kong Government. The Chinese Communists will use the steel plates as armor on motor junks.
- On 1 October TSO Hung-t'ao (左洪濤)⁴ arrived in Hong Kong from Canton. On 2 October he saw HU Hsi-ming (胡熙明) of the Ta Ch'ien (大千) Printing Press and instructed HU to buy various military supplies in Hong Kong. By 5 October HU had bought 5,800 sets of Firestone tires and tubes at HK \$700 per set; 3,000 sets of Japanese-made Yokohama tires and tubes at HK \$400 per set; and 6,300 sets of English-made yellow and blue flag⁵ tires and tubes at HK \$680 per set. All tires and tubes were received by the Ta Ch'ien Printing Press by 8 October. LIN Chun-chia (林俊甲) is in charge of sending these to Yuanlang (元朗), New Territories, and then smuggling them into Canton by small steamers.
- On 7 October WANG Te (王德), brother of WANG Tso-yao (王作堯) (former deputy commander of the East River Column)⁶ sent 30,000 bags of rice (100 kilos in each bag) from Canton to Hong Kong. Of this rice the Pao T'ai (寶泰) Company of Connaught Road bought 22,000 bags, and the Mao T'ai (茂泰) Company bought the remaining 8,000 bags. WANG Te used part of the proceeds to buy 8,000 bundles of hemp bags (400 bags per bundle) in Hong Kong and will send them to Canton. 25X1A

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1. [REDACTED] tells of Nan Hsin buying steel plates. 25X1A

2. [REDACTED] Comment. Other purchases reported have ranged from HK \$14.20 to HK \$65 per picul. 25X1A

3. [REDACTED] Comment. According to the 1950 Hong Kong Directory, Lam Woo is at 25 Des Voeux Road Central.

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- 25X1A 4. [REDACTED] as director of the political
department of the Kwangtung-Kiangsi-Hunan Border Column as of May 1949.
- 25X1A 5. [REDACTED] Comment. Probably these are Dunlop tires.
- 25X1A 6. [REDACTED] gives WANG Tso-yao as head of the Canton
Seamen's Union in 9 April 1950.

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